

VETERANS

eterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary marking the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11



became a national holiday beginning in 1938. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation in 1954 to change the name to Veterans Day as a way to honor those who served in all American wars. The day honors military veterans with parades and speeches across the nation. A national ceremony takes place at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

19.6 million

Number of military veterans in the United States in 2013.

1.6 million

Number of female veterans in the United States in 2013.

11.3%

Percent of veterans in 2013 who were black. Additionally, 79.3 percent were non-Hispanic white; 1.4 percent were Asian; 0.7 percent were American Indian or Alaska Native; 0.2 percent were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; 1.2 percent were some other race. (The numbers for blacks, non-Hispanic whites, Asians, American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, and some other race cover only those reporting a single race.)





6.0%

Percent of veterans in 2013 who were Hispanic.

9.3 million

Number of veterans 65 years and older in 2013. At the other end of the age spectrum, 1.6 million were younger than 35.



7.0 million

Number of Vietnam-era veterans in 2013. Moreover, there were 5.2 million who served during the Gulf War Era (representing service from August 1990 to present); 1.3 million who served in World War II; 2.1 million who served in the Korean War; and 4.7 million who served in peacetime only.

58,445

Number of living veterans in 2013 who served during the Vietnam Era and both periods of the Gulf War (August 1990 to August 2001 and September 2001 or later). Other living veterans in 2013 who served during three wartime periods:

39,890 served during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Era.

Number of living veterans in 2013 who served during two wartime periods:

- 1,006,501 served during Gulf War (August 1990 to August 2001) and Gulf War (September 2001 or later).
- 294,251 served during Gulf War (August 1990 to August 2001) and the Vietnam Era.
- 175,676 served during the Korean War and the Vietnam Era.
 92,670 served during World War II and the Korean War.

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Number of states with 1 million or more veterans in 2013. These states were California (1.7 million), Texas (1.5 million) and Florida (1.5 million).

26.8%

Percent of veterans 25 years and older with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2013. In





comparison, 29.9 percent of nonveterans had a bachelor's degree or higher.

29.1%

Percent of veterans 25 years and older in 2013 whose highest educational attainment was a high school diploma or equivalency in 2013, compared with 27.7 percent of the nonveteran population.

\$36,381

Annual median income of veterans in 2013, compared with \$25,820 for the nonveteran population.

7.7 million

Number of veterans 18 to 64 years old in the labor force in 2013, of those 7.1 million were employed.

3.6 million

Number of veterans with a service-connected disability rating in 2013. Of this number, 957,504 had a rating of 70 percent or higher. A "service-connected" disability is one that was a result of a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active military service. Severity of one's disability is scaled from 0 to 100 percent, and eligibility for compensation depends on one's rating.

14.7 million

Number of veterans who voted in the 2012 presidential election. Seventy percent of veterans cast a ballot in that election, compared with 61.8 percent of all U.S. citizens 18 years and older.

Source: Table 13. Reported Voting and Registration, by Sex, Veteran Status, and Age: November 2012

12.4 million

Number of veterans who voted in the 2010 congressional election. Fifty-seven percent of veterans voted in that election, compared with 45.5 percent of all U.S. citizens 18 years and older.

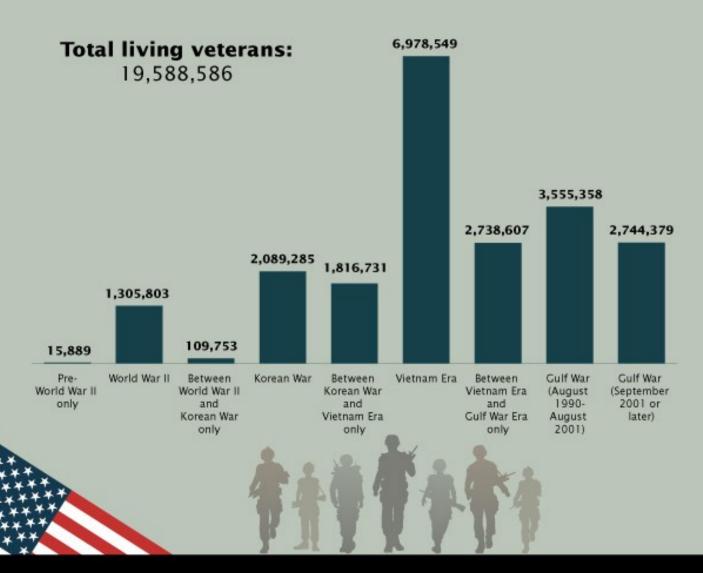
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Periods of Service

The Number of Living U.S. Veterans Who Served in Different Eras Veterans may have served in multiple conflicts.







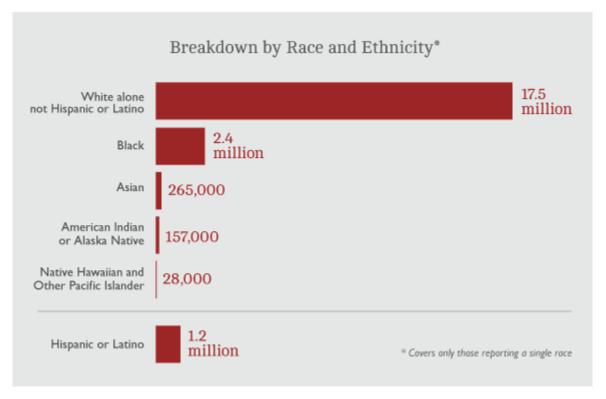
A Snapshot of Our Nation's Veterans

Federal, state and community leaders; private businesses; non-profits; and community organizations use information about the military veteran population from the American Community Survey and Economic Census to determine the programs, services and infrastructure that serve the needs of our veterans. What follows is the most recent snapshot of veterans statistics.

Who Are U.S. Veterans?

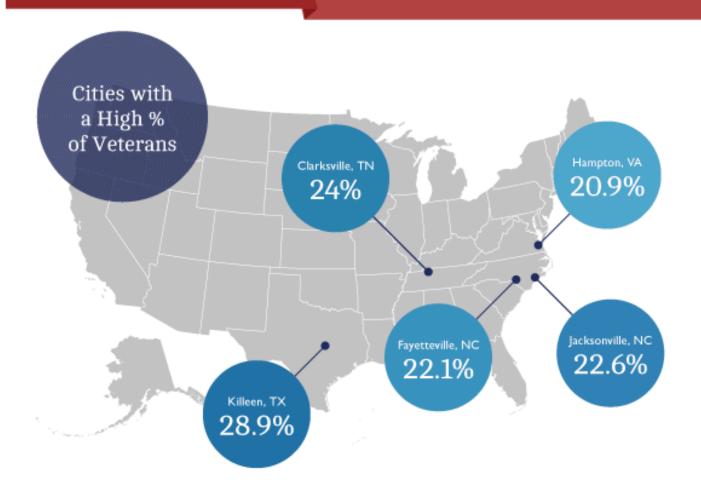
There are 21.8 million veterans in the United States.







Where Do They Live?



States with More Than 1 Million Veterans









What Are Their Education Levels?

A veteran is more likely than the average American to have earned a high school diploma, but less likely to have completed a college degree.



92% of veterans 25 and older have at least a high school diploma

compared with 86% of the total population



26% of veterans 25 and older have at least a bachelor's degree

compared with 28% of the total population

When Did They Serve?

Of the 21.8 million veterans in the United States, more than 1.3 million served during multiple wars.





Sources: 2010 American Community Survey, †2007 Economic Census (Survey of Business Owners). The American Community Survey is a survey and its estimates are subject to sampling error.

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837,000 Served during both Gulf War eras



211,000
Served during both the
Korean War and the
Vietnam era



147,000
Served during both
World War II and
the Korean War



Veterans of 3 Wars



49,500
Served during the Vietnam era
and both Gulf War eras



54,000
Served during World War II,
the Korean War and the
Vietnam era















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Veterans own 9% of all U.S. businesses.



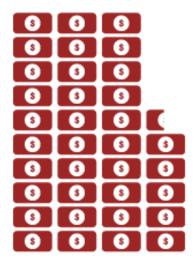
\$1.2 trillion

The amount of money in receipts generated by these businesses



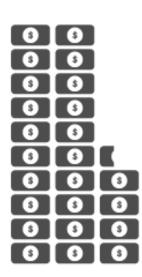
What Are Their Incomes?

Veterans' annual income is about \$10,000 higher than that of the average American.*



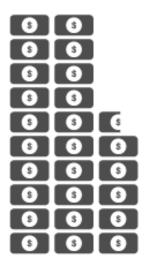
\$35,367

Median income of veterans



\$24,521

Median income of non-veterans



\$25,605

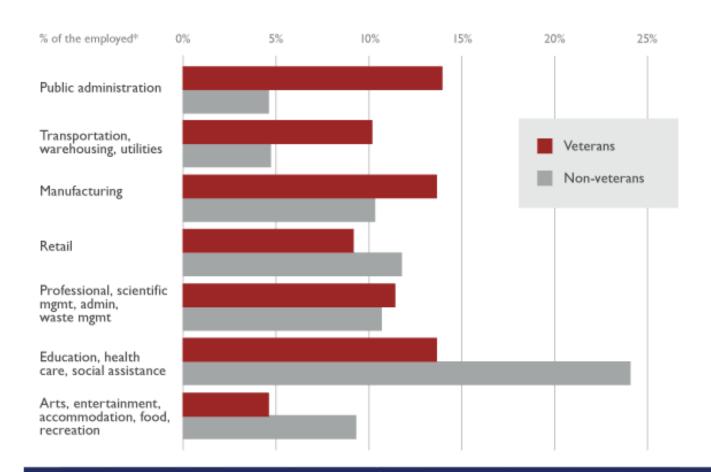
Median income of total U.S. population

^{*} Median income refers to those who are 18 years and over with income in the past 12 months. Income includes not only wages and self-employment, but also Social Security, retirement pensions, VA payments, and other forms of income.



Where Do They Work?

A veteran is more than twice as likely as a non-veteran to hold a job in a public administration industry.

















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Consumer Expenditure Survey
Current Population Survey
National Crime Victimization Survey
National Health Interview Survey
Survey of Income and Program Participation

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